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PPTRRC Quarterly Update **October 2010**

This is a 'quarterly report' from the Office of the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator (PPTRRC). The intent is that this update will increase awareness amongst stakeholders involved in paediatric therapy services in BC of the activities of this Office. Feel free to contact the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for further discussion or clarification regarding the content of this update. This is the second quarterly report for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Promoting Manageable Workloads

- Kathy Davidson's research into a Points-Based Caseload Management Tool continues, and early data from a project to establish the reliability of her survey tool are very promising. The final report for this component of her research is due December 31, 2010.

- Thanks for those of you who have provided feedback on the eLibrary. If you haven't found the opportunity to explore this resource yet please find some time. We would love to hear what you think. Find the eLibrary by clicking on the 'Projects & Initiatives' link on the therapybc home page and select 'Promoting Manageable Workloads Project.' Here you will find the 'eLibrary Home' button that will take you to the resource. Here's a direct link: <http://www.therapybc.ca/eLibrary>

- Your feedback and comments on the eLibrary are valued, so be sure to utilize the feedback mechanism provided within the resource. Also feel free to submit your own resources for sharing with the rest of the BC paediatric community!

eLearning Initiatives

- Two exciting webinar opportunities for November! Space is limited, so please RSVP ASAP!

- Red Cross Equipment Loans Program Information session

- November 2, 3:00 pm

- Learn about:

- Types of programs and who can access equipment

- What type of equipment is in the inventory

- Request process, equipment repairs, modifications

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- Client record of inventory – and how you can help ensure repairs are processed as quick as possible
- Equipment for other organizations such as CDC's and schools
- Equipment for children who are not AT Home or MCFD clients
- Presented by Patricia Barrett, Program Coordinator

- Developmental Coordination Disorder

- November 26th, 11:00 am

- Jill Zwicker will update us on her latest research in the area of Developmental Coordination disorder

- To register for a webinar please email consultant@therapybc.ca. In the subject line of your email indicate the webinar opportunity you would like to RSVP for. One week prior to the webinar registrants will receive an email outlining connection details.

Paediatric Update Symposium - February 28th/March 1st, 2011

- Save these dates: ***February 28th/March 1st, 2011!*** The theme for the 2011 Update Symposium is 'Building a Brighter Future – In Our Clients, Our Families, Our Communities and Ourselves.' The event will feature speakers such as Annette Manjemer (McGill University), Ellen Pope (University of Kansas), Nancy Thomas-Stonell (Bloorview Research Institute) and several others. There will also be panel presentations featuring 3-4 speakers on a particular theme followed by a Q&A session, poster presentations, profession specific break-out sessions, a reception featuring awards from the PPTRRC, and much more!

- The Call for Posters has officially been launched: **Deadline: November 30th**

We are inviting you to share your work with your colleagues in our poster display.

1. Scientific Poster Presentations

- An opportunity to display clinical research with supportive data

2. Demonstration Posters

- An opportunity to showcase innovative clinical programs, pilots, research ideas or works in progress

Presenters are asked to submit a 250 word abstract to the Poster Selection Committee at consultant@therapybc.ca by November 30, 2010.

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- Planning continues for videoconference sites in the Interior, North, and Island regions. There will be several sites in each region to help facilitate participation in the Symposium, and these sites are being coordinated through the PHSA Telehealth office. A full list of available sites will be available on the Update Symposium conference brochure and online registration page that will be launched in early November.

- Keep your inbox eyes open in early November for the conference brochure and registration information!

PPTRRC Inaugural Awards

- The Office of the PPTRRC is excited to open nominations for our inaugural awards! Certainly you all deserve recognition; however, we know there are a number of you who have contributed to paediatric therapy services above and beyond what is expected and we would like to recognize your efforts! We are accepting nominations for the following 2 awards:

1. *Dedication to the Profession/Lifetime Achievement*

- Nominee must have worked in a clinical and/or administrative capacity for a minimum of 30 years in a paediatric rehabilitation environment
- Nominee should have been involved in activities that support, enhance, or develop political/public awareness of the importance of rehabilitation services for children and youth with special needs
- Nominee must have acted/currently act as a resource for their colleagues
- Nominee must have demonstrated significant involvement in professional activities, both internal and external to their place of work
- One OT, one PT, and one SLP award

2. *Mentorship/Education*

- Nominee must have a minimum of 10 years paediatric clinical experience
- Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the profession through the education of others (e.g. - student practicum supervisor, lecturer/presenter for continuing education opportunities)
- Nominations may be based on education directed towards students, peers, other health care team members, patients / clients / families, the public or other groups
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Awards nomination process:

- Please forward your nominations to consultant@therapybc.ca by November 30, 2010. Include a letter of support justifying the nomination in relation to the award (e.g.- Dedication/Leadership, or Mentorship/Education).

Partnerships Project Update

The Comox Valley Child Development Association is now the host agency for the Partnerships Project. A steering committee with OT, PT, and SLP representation continues to provide overall direction for the project. For a detailed update on the status of Partnerships and a link to their website please visit the 'resources' section of the therapybc website: http://www.therapybc.ca/ot_resources.php

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- Please, make sure your colleagues and employees are registered in the therapybc database (http://www.therapybc.ca/clinician_register.php). Therapists who have registered their email information with the site and have chosen to receive updates from the PPTRRC will ensure they are informed of any new initiatives generated by this Office.

- Remember to check out the therapybc blog: <http://www.therapybc.ca/blog>

- The PPTRRC has added a Face Book Fan Page to provide some additional exposure to job postings on the site. Feel free to join! [TherapyBCFanPage](#)

- Visit the Upcoming Events box at www.therapybc.ca for upcoming education/professional development opportunities!